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"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 2877"

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: SURFACE INSPECTION  
APPARATUS AND SURFACE  
INSPECTION METHOD

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 12, 2001, please amend the above-identified patent application, as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 3, 6, and 13-16, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 1, 5, 9, 11, and 12 as shown in the Marked-Up Copy at the end of this amendment. Amended claims 1, 5, 9, 11, and 12 are shown in clean form below.

1. (Twice Amended) A surface inspection apparatus comprising:  
a light source for applying a light to a surface of an object to be measured;  
an objective lens opposite to the surface of the object to be measured and for receiving a reflected light applied from said light source and reflected on the surface of the object to be measured;

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